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SUBJECT: ITALY TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
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¶1. (U) Embassy Rome delivered the diplomatic note demarche concerning the U.S. candidacy for the International Maritime Organization Council. The demarche was submitted to Roberto Pietrosanto, Coordinator of Office I, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who is the primary MFA contact for IMO affairs. Italy responded Oct. 8 via diplomatic note.

¶2. (SBU) Unofficial translation of Italian diplomatic note:

" Courtesy Opening.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign refers to Note No. 09-00797 of September 28, 2009, which requests Italian support for the U.S. candidacy in IMO's category A at elections to be held in London from November 23 to December 4 during work of the XXVI session of the IMO General Assembly.

Concerning this matter the Italian Foreign Ministry has the honor to communicate that Italy will support the U.S. candidacy and is hoping for U.S. support for Italy's candidacy in the same category.

Courtesy close."  
THORNE